

# The Real Number System

## 1.1 Introduction

## 1.2 Ordered Field Axioms

### Remark 1.1

We will assume that the sets  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$  satisfy the following properties:

1. If  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $n + m, n - m$  and  $mn$  belong to  $\mathbb{Z}$
2. If  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  if and only if  $n \geq 1$
3. There is no  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  that satisfies  $0 < n < 1$

### Definition 1.4 Absolute Value

The *absolute value* of a number  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  is the number

$$|a| := \begin{cases} a & a \geq 0 \\ -a & a < 0 \end{cases}$$

**Remark 1.5** The *absolute value* is multiplicative; that is,  $|ab| = |a||b| \forall a, b, \in \mathbb{R}$

### Theorem 1.6 Fundamental Theorem of Absolute Values

Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $M \geq 0$ . Then  $|a| \leq M \iff -M \leq a \leq M$ .

**Theorem 1.7** The absolute value satisfies the following three properties:

1. *Positive Definite*: For all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $|a| > 0$  with  $|a| = 0$  if and only if  $a = 0$ .
2. *Symmetric*: For all  $a, b, \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $|a - b| = |b - a|$ ,
3. *Triangle Inequalities*: For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$  and  $||a| - |b|| \leq |a - b|$

**Theorem 1.9** Let  $x, y, a \in \mathbb{R}$

1.  $x < y + \epsilon \forall \epsilon > 0 \iff x \leq y$
2.  $x > y - \epsilon \forall \epsilon > 0 \iff x \geq y$
3.  $|a| < \epsilon \forall \epsilon > 0 \iff a = 0$

## 1.3 Completeness Axiom

### Definition 1.10 Upper bounds

Let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$  be non-empty

1. The set  $E$  is said to be *bounded above* if and only if there is an  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a \leq M$  for all  $a \in E$ , in which case  $M$  is called an *upper bound* of  $E$ .

2. A number  $s$  is called a *supremum* of the set  $E$  if and only if  $s$  is an upper bound of  $E$  and  $s \leq M$  for all upper bounds  $M$  of  $E$ . (In this case we shall say that  $E$  has a *finite supremum*  $s$  and write  $s = \sup E$ .)

**Remark 1.12** If a set has one upper bound, it has infinitely many upper bounds.

**Remark 1.13** If a set has a supremum, then it has only one supremum.

### Theorem Approximation Property for Suprema

If  $E$  has a finite supremum and  $\epsilon > 0$  is any positive number, then there is a point  $a \in E$  such that  $\sup E - \epsilon < a \leq \sup E$

### Theorem 1.15

If  $E \subset \mathbb{Z}$  has a supremum, then  $\sup E \in E$ . In particular, if the supremum of a set, which contains only integers, exists, that supremum must be an integer.

### Postulate 3 Completeness Axiom

If  $E$  is a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is bounded above, then  $E$  has a finite supremum.

### Theorem 1.16 The Archimedean Principle

Given real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ , with  $a > 0$ , there is an integer  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $b < na$ .

### Theorem 1.18 Density of Rationals

If  $a, b, \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfy  $a < b$ , then there is a  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $a < q < b$ .

### Definition 1.19 Upper bounds

Let  $E \in \mathbb{R}$  be nonempty

1. The set  $E$  is said to be *bounded below* if and only if there is an  $m \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a \geq m$ , in which case  $m$  is called a *lower bound* of the set  $E$ .
2. A number  $t$  is called an *infimum* of the set  $E$  if and only if  $t$  is a lower bound of  $E$  and  $t \geq m$  and write  $t = \inf E$ .
3.  $E$  is said to be *bounded* if and only if it is bounded both above and below.

### Theorem 1.20 Reflection Principle

Let  $E \in \mathbb{R}$  be nonempty

1.  $E$  has a supremum if and only if  $-E$  has an infimum, in which case  $\inf(-E) = -\sup E$ .
2.  $E$  has an infimum if and only if  $-E$  has a supremum, in which case  $\sup(-E) = -\inf E$

### Theorem 1.21 Monotone Property

Suppose that  $A \subseteq B$  are nonempty subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

1. If  $B$  has a supremum, then  $\sup A \leq \sup B$ .
2. If  $B$  has an infimum, then  $\inf A \geq \inf B$ .

## 1.4 Mathematical Induction

### Theorem 1.22 Well-Ordering Principle

If  $E$  is a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ , then  $E$  has a least element (i.e.  $E$  has a finite infimum and  $\inf E \in E$ ).

### Theorem 1.23

Suppose for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  that  $A(n)$  is a proposition which satisfies the following two properties:

1.  $A(1)$  is true.
2. For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  for which  $A(n)$  is true,  $A(n + 1)$  is also true.

Then  $A(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

### Theorem 1.26 Binomial Formula

If  $a, b, \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0^0$  is interpreted to be 1, then

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^k$$

## 1.5 Inverse Functions and Images

### Definition 1.29 Injection, Surjection, Bijection

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$

1.  $f$  is said to be *injective* if and only if

$$x_1, x_2 \in X \text{ and } f(x_1) = f(x_2) \implies x_1 = x_2$$

2.  $f$  is said to be *surjective* if and only if

$$\forall y \in Y \exists x \in X \ni y = f(x)$$

3.  $f$  is called *bijective* if and only if it is both injective and surjective

### Theorem 1.30

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . Then the following three statements are equivalent.

1.  $f$  has an inverse;
2.  $f$  is injective from  $X$  onto  $Y$ ;

3. There is a function  $g : Y \rightarrow X$  such that

$$g(f(x)) = x \quad \forall x \in X \text{ and}$$

$$f(g(y)) = y \quad \forall y \in Y$$

Moreover, for each  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , there is only one function  $g$  that satisfies these. It is the inverse function  $f^{-1}$ .

### Remark 1.31

Let  $I$  be an interval and let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If the derivative of  $f$  is either always positive on  $I$ , or always negative on  $I$ , then  $f$  is injective on  $I$ .

### Definition 1.33 Image

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . The *image* of a set  $E \subseteq X$  under  $f$  is the set

$$f(E) := \{y \in Y : y = f(x) \text{ for some } x \in E\}$$

The *inverse image* of a set  $E \subseteq Y$  under  $f$  is the set

$$f^{-1}(E) := \{x \in X : f(x) = y \text{ for some } y \in E\}$$

### Definition 1.35 Union, Intersection

Let  $\mathcal{E} = \{E_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a collection of sets.

1. The *union* of the collection  $\mathcal{E}$  is the set

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha := \{x : x \in E_\alpha \text{ for some } \alpha \in A\}$$

2. The *intersection* of the collection  $\mathcal{E}$  is the set

$$\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha := \{x : x \in E_\alpha \text{ for all } \alpha \in A\}.$$

### Theorem 1.36 DeMorgan's Laws

Let  $X$  be a set and  $\{E_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a collection of subsets of  $X$ . If for each  $E \subseteq X$  the symbol  $E^c$  represents the set  $X \setminus E$ , then  $(\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha)^c = \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha^c$  and  $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha)^c = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha^c$

### Theorem 1.37

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ .

1. If  $\{E_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is a collection of subsets of  $X$ , then

$$f\left(\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha\right) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} f(E_\alpha) \text{ and}$$

$$f\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha\right) \subseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} f(E_\alpha)$$

2. If  $B$  and  $C$  are subsets of  $X$ , then  $f(C) \setminus f(B) \subseteq f(C \setminus B)$

3. If  $\{E_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is a collection of subsets of  $Y$ , then

$$f^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha\right) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} f^{-1}(E_\alpha) \text{ and}$$

$$f^{-1}\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha\right) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} f^{-1}(E_\alpha)$$

4. If  $B$  and  $C$  are subsets of  $Y$ , then  $f^{-1}(C \setminus B) = f^{-1}(C) \setminus f^{-1}(B)$ .

5. If  $E \subseteq f(X)$ , then  $f(f^{-1}(E)) = E$ , but if  $E \subseteq X$ , then  $E \subseteq f^{-1}(f(E))$ .

## 1.6 Countable and Uncountable Sets

### Definition 1.38 Countable & Uncountable

Let  $E$  be a set.

1.  $E$  is said to be *finite* if and only if either  $E = \emptyset$  or there exists an injective function which takes  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  onto  $E$ , for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

2.  $E$  is said to be *countable* if and only if there exists an injective function which takes  $\mathbb{N}$  onto  $E$ .

3.  $E$  is said to be *at most countable* if and only if  $E$  is either finite or countable.

4.  $E$  is said to be *uncountable* if and only if  $E$  is neither finite nor countable.

### Remark 1.39 Cantor's Diagonalisation Argument

The open interval  $(0, 1)$  is uncountable.

### Lemma 1.40

A nonempty set  $E$  is at most countable if and only if there is a function  $g$  from  $\mathbb{N}$  onto  $E$ .

### Theorem 1.41

Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are sets.

1. If  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B$  is at most countable, then  $A$  is at most countable.

2. If  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A$  is uncountable, then  $B$  is uncountable.

3.  $\mathbb{R}$  is uncountable.

### Theorem 1.42

Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  be at most countable sets.

1. Then  $A_1 \times A_2$  is at most countable.

2. If

$$E = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j := \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} A_j := \{x : x \in A_j \text{ for some } j \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

then  $E$  is at most countable.

### Remark 1.43

The sets  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  are countable, but the set of irrationals is uncountable.

## 2 Sequences in $\mathbb{R}$

### 2.1 Limits of Sequences

#### Definition 2.1 Convergence

A sequence of real numbers  $\{x_n\}$  is set to *converge* to a real number  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  if and only if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  (which in general depends on  $\epsilon$ ) such that

$$n \geq N \implies |x_n - a| < \epsilon$$

**Remark 2.4** A sequence can have at most one limit.

#### Definition 2.5 Subsequence

By a *subsequence* of a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , we shall mean a sequence of the form  $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ , where each  $n_k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n_1 < n_2 < \dots$ .

#### Remark 2.6

If  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $a$  and  $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is any subsequence of  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , then  $x_{n_k}$  converges to  $a$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

#### Definition 2.7 Bounded Sequences

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers.

1. The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be *bounded above* if and only if the set  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is bounded above.

2. The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be *bounded below* if and only if the set  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is bounded below.

3.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be *bounded* if and only if it is bounded both above and below.

**Theorem 2.8** Every convergent sequence is bounded.

## 2.2 Limit Theorems

### Theorem 2.9 Squeeze Theorem

Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$ , and  $\{w_n\}$  are real sequences.

1. If  $x_n \rightarrow a$  and  $y_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and if there is an  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$x_n \leq w_n \leq y_n \text{ for } n \geq N_0$$

then  $w_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

2. If  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\{y_n\}$  is bounded, then  $x_n y_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 2.11**

Let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ . If  $E$  has a finite supremum (respectively, a finite infimum), then there is a sequence  $x_n \in E$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow \sup E$  (respectively, a sequence  $y_n \in E$  such that  $y_n \rightarrow \inf E$ ) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 2.12**

Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are real sequences and that  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are convergent, then

1.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$
2.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha x_n) = \alpha \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  and
3.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = (\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n)(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n)$   
If, in addition,  $y_n \neq 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \neq 0$ , then
4.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n}{y_n} = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n}$   
(In particular, all these limits exist.)

**Definition 2.14 Divergence**

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers.

1.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to *diverge* to  $+\infty$  if and only if for each  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \geq N \implies x_n > M$
2.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to *diverge* to  $-\infty$  if and only if for each  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \geq N \implies x_n < M$

**Theorem 2.15**

Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are real sequences such that  $x_n \rightarrow +\infty$  (respectively,  $x_n \rightarrow -\infty$ ) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

1. If  $y_n$  is bounded below (respectively,  $y_n$  is bounded above), then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = +\infty$
2. If  $\alpha > 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha x_n) = +\infty$
3. If  $y_n > M_0$  for some  $M_0 > 0$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = +\infty$
4. If  $\{y_n\}$  is bounded and  $x_n \neq 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_n}{x_n} = 0$

**Corollary 2.16**

Let  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$  be real sequences and  $\alpha, x, y$  be extended real numbers. If  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = x + y$  provided that the right side is not of the form  $\infty - \infty$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha x_n) = \alpha x$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = xy$  provided that none of these products is of the form  $0 \cdot \pm\infty$ .

**Theorem 2.17 Comparison Theorem**

Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are convergent sequences. If

there is an  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_n \leq y_n$  for  $n \geq N_0$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$ .  
In particular, if  $x_n \in [a, b]$  converges to some point  $c$ , then  $c$  must belong to  $[a, b]$ .

**2.3 Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem**

**Definition 2.18 Increasing, Decreasing**

Let  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of real numbers.

1.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be *increasing* (respectively, *strictly increasing*) if and only if  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots$  (respectively,  $x_1 < x_2 < \dots$ ).
2.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be *decreasing* (respectively, *strictly decreasing*) if and only if  $x_1 \geq x_2 \geq \dots$  (respectively,  $x_1 > x_2 > \dots$ ).
3.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be *monotone* if and only if it is either increasing or decreasing.

**Theorem 2.19 Monotone Convergence Theorem**

If  $\{x_n\}$  is increasing and bounded above, or if  $\{x_n\}$  is decreasing and bounded below, then  $\{x_n\}$  converges to a finite limit.

**Definition 2.22 Nested**

A sequence of sets  $\{I_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is said to be *nested* if and only if  $I_1 \supseteq I_2 \supseteq \dots$ .

**Theorem 2.23 Nested Interval Property**

If  $\{I_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a nested sequence of nonempty closed bounded intervals, then  $E := \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$  is nonempty. Moreover, if the lengths of these intervals satisfy  $|I_n| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  then  $E$  is a single point.

**Remark 2.24** The Nested Interval Property might not hold if “closed” is omitted.

**Remark 2.25** The Nested Interval Property might not hold if “bounded” is omitted.

**Theorem 2.26 Bolzano—Weierstrass Theorem**

Every bounded sequence of real numbers has a convergent subsequence.

**2.4 Cauchy Sequences**

**Definition 2.27 Cauchy**

A sequence of points  $x_n \in \mathbb{R}$  is said to be *Cauchy* (in  $\mathbb{R}$ ) if and only if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n, m \geq N \implies |x_n - x_m| < \epsilon$

**Remark 2.28** If  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent, then  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy.

**Theorem 2.29 Cauchy**

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers. Then  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy if and only if  $\{x_n\}$  converges (to some point  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ).

**Remark 2.31** A sequence that satisfies  $x_{n+1} - x_n \rightarrow 0$  is not necessarily Cauchy.

**2.5 Limits Supremum and Infimum**

**Definition 2.32 Limit Supremum & Infimum**

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a real sequence. Then the *limit supremum* of  $\{x_n\}$  is the extended real number  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sup_{k \geq n} x_k)$  and the *limit infimum* of  $\{x_n\}$  is the extended real number  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\inf_{k \geq n} x_k)$

**Theorem 2.35**

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers,  $s = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ , and  $t = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ . Then there are subsequences  $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{x_{\ell_j}\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow s$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and  $x_{\ell_j} \rightarrow t$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 2.36**

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a real sequence and  $x$  be an extended real number. Then  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ .

**Theorem 2.37**

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers. Then  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  (respectively,  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ ) is the largest value (respectively, the smallest value) to which some subsequences of  $\{x_n\}$  converges. Namely, if  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq x \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ .

**Remark 2.38** If  $\{x_n\}$  is any sequence of real numbers, then  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ .

**Remark 2.39** A real sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded above if and only if  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n < \infty$ , and is bounded below if and only if  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n > -\infty$ .

**Theorem 2.40**

If  $x_n \leq y_n$  for  $n$  large, then  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$  and  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$

**3 Functions on  $\mathbb{R}$**

**3.1 Two-Sided Limits**

**Definition 3.1 Limits**

Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $I$  be an open interval which contains  $a$ , and let

$f$  be a real function defined everywhere on  $I$  except possibly at  $a$ . Then  $f(x)$  is said to *converge to  $L$ , as  $x$  approaches  $a$* , if and only if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  (which in general depends on  $\epsilon, f, I$ , and  $a$ ) such that

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta \implies |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

In this case we write

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) \rightarrow L \text{ as } x \rightarrow a$$

and call  $L$  the *limit* of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches  $a$ .

**Remark 3.4**

Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $I$  be an open interval which contains  $a$ , and let  $f, g$  be real functions defined everywhere on  $I$  except possibly at  $a$ . If  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in I \setminus \{a\}$  and  $f(x) \rightarrow L$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ , then  $g(x)$  also has a limit as  $x \rightarrow a$ , and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

**Theorem 3.6 Sequential Characterisation of Limits**

Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $I$  be an open interval which contains  $a$ , and let  $f$  be a real function defined everywhere on  $I$  except possibly at  $a$ . Then

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

exists if and only if  $f(x_n) \rightarrow L$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for every sequence  $\{x_n\} \in I \setminus \{a\}$  which converges to  $a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 3.8**

Suppose that  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , that  $I$  is an open interval which contains  $a$ , and that  $f, g$ , are real functions defined everywhere on  $I$  except possibly at  $a$ . If  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  converge as  $x$  approaches  $a$ , then so do  $(f+g)(x)$ ,  $(fg)(x)$ ,  $(\alpha f)(x)$ , and  $(f/g)(x)$  (when the limit of  $g(x)$  is nonzero). In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f+g)(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (\alpha f)(x) &= \alpha \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (fg)(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \end{aligned}$$

and (when the limit of  $g(x)$  is nonzero)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left( \frac{f}{g} \right) (x) = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)}$$

**Theorem 3.9 Squeeze Theorem for Functions**

Suppose that  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , that  $I$  is an open interval which contains  $a$ , and that  $f, g, h$  are real functions defined everywhere on  $I$  except possibly at  $a$ .

1. If  $g(x) \leq h(x) \leq f(x) \quad \forall x \in I \setminus \{a\}$ , and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L,$$

then the limit of  $h(x)$  exists, as  $x \rightarrow a$ , and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L.$$

2. If  $|g(x)| \leq M \quad \forall x \in I \setminus \{a\}$  and  $f(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x) = 0$$

**Theorem 3.10 Comparison Theorem for Functions**

Suppose that  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , that  $I$  is an open interval which contains  $a$ , and that  $f, g$  are real functions defined everywhere on  $I$  except possibly at  $a$ . If  $f$  and  $g$  have a limit as  $x$  approaches  $a$  and  $f(x) \leq g(x) \quad \forall x \in I \setminus \{a\}$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

### 3.2 One-Sided Limits and Limits at Infinity

**Definition 3.12 Converge from left & right**

Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f$  be a real function.

1.  $f(x)$  is said to *converge to  $L$  as  $x$  approaches  $a$  from the right* if and only if  $f$  is defined on some open interval  $I$  with left endpoint  $a$  and for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  (which in general depends on  $\epsilon, f, I$ , and  $a$ ) such that

$$a + \delta \in I \quad \text{and} \quad a < x < a + \delta \implies |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

in this case we call  $L$  the *right-hand limit* of  $f$  at  $a$ , and denote it by

$$f(a+) := L =: \lim_{x \rightarrow a+} f(x)$$

2.  $f(x)$  is said to *converge to  $L$  as  $x$  approaches  $a$  from the left* if and only if  $f$  is defined on some open interval  $I$  with left endpoint  $a$  and for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  (which in general depends on  $\epsilon, f, I$ , and  $a$ ) such that

$$a + \delta \in I \quad \text{and} \quad a < x < a + \delta \implies |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

in this case we call  $L$  the *left-hand limit* of  $f$  at  $a$ , and denote it by

$$f(a-) := L =: \lim_{x \rightarrow a-} f(x)$$

**Theorem 3.14**

Let  $f$  be a real function. Then the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

exists and equals  $L$  if and only if

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a-} f(x)$$

**Definition 3.15 Convergence**

Let  $a, L \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $f$  be a real function.

1.  $f(x)$  is said to *converge to  $L$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$*  if and only if there exists a  $c > 0$  such that  $(c, \infty) \subset \text{Dom}(f)$  and given  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x > M$  implies  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ , in which case we shall write

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) \rightarrow L \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

Similarly,  $f(x)$  is said to *converge to  $L$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$*  if and only if there exists a  $c > 0$  such that  $(-\infty, -c) \subset \text{Dom}(f)$  and given  $\epsilon > 0$  there is  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x > M$  implies  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ , in which case we shall write

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = L \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) \rightarrow L \text{ as } x \rightarrow -\infty$$

2. The function  $f(x)$  is said to *converge to  $\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow a$*  if and only if there is an open interval  $I$  containing  $a$  such that  $I \setminus \{a\} \subset \text{Dom}(f)$  and given  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $0 \leq |x - a| < \delta$  implies  $f(x) > M$ , in which case we shall write

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \infty \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } x \rightarrow a$$

Similarly,  $f(x)$  is said to *converge to  $-\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow a$*  if and only if there is an open interval  $I$  containing  $a$  such that  $I \setminus \{a\} \subset \text{Dom}(f)$  and given  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $0 < |x - a| < \delta$  implies  $f(x) < M$ , in which case we shall write

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = -\infty \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } x \rightarrow a$$

**Theorem 3.17**

Let  $a$  be an extended real number, and let  $I$  be a nondegenerate open interval which either contains  $a$  or has  $a$  as one of its endpoints. Suppose further that  $f$  is a real function defined on  $I$  except possibly at  $a$ . Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} f(x)$$

exists and equals  $L$  if and only if  $f(x_n) \rightarrow L$  for all sequences  $x_n \in I$  which satisfy  $x_n \neq a$  and  $x_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

### 3.3 Continuity

**Definition 3.19** *Continuous*

Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

1.  $f$  is said to be *continuous at a point*  $a \in \mathbb{E}$  if and only if given  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  (which in general depends on  $\epsilon, f$ , and  $a$ ) such that

$$|x - a| < \delta \quad \text{and} \quad x \in E \implies |f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$$

2.  $f$  is said to be *continuous on*  $E$  if and only if  $f$  is continuous at every  $x \in E$ .

**Remark 3.20**

Let  $I$  be an open interval which contains a point  $a$  and  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f$  is continuous at  $a \in I$  if and only if

$$f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

**Theorem 3.21**

Suppose that  $E$  is a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , that  $a \in E$ , and that  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $f$  is continuous at  $a \in E$ .
2. If  $x_n$  converges to  $a$  and  $x_n \in E$ , then  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(a)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 3.22**

Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f, g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f, g$  are continuous at a point  $a \in E$  (respectively continuous on the set  $E$ ), then so are  $f + g$ ,  $fg$ , and  $\alpha f$  (for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ). Moreover,  $f/g$  is continuous at  $a \in E$  when  $g(a) \neq 0$  (respectively, on  $E$  when  $g(x) \neq 0 \forall x \in E$ ).

**Definition 3.23** *Composition*

Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , that  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $F(A) \subseteq B$  for every  $x \in A$ , then the *composition* of  $g$  with  $f$  is the function  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$(g \circ f)(x) := g(f(x)), \quad x \in A$$

**Theorem 3.24**

Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , that  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and that  $f(x) \in B \forall x \in A$ .

1. If  $A := I \setminus \{a\}$ , where  $I$  is a nondegenerate interval which either contains  $a$  or has  $a$  as one of its endpoints, if

$$L := \lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} f(x)$$

exists and belongs to  $B$ , and if  $g$  is continuous and  $L \in B$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} (g \circ f)(x) = g \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} f(x) \right)$$

2. If  $f$  is continuous at  $a \in A$  and  $g$  is continuous at  $f(a) \in B$ , then  $g \circ f$  is continuous at  $a \in A$ .

**Definition 3.25** *Bounded*

Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . A function  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be *bounded* on  $E$  if and only if there is an  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|f(x)| \leq M$  for all  $x \in E$ , in which case we shall say that  $f$  is *dominated* by  $M$  on  $E$ .

**Theorem 3.26** *Extreme Value Theorem*

If  $I$  is a closed, bounded interval and  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous on  $I$ , then  $f$  is bounded on  $I$ . Moreover if

$$M = \sup_{x \in I} f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad m = \inf_{x \in I} f(x)$$

then there exist points  $x_m, x_M \in I$  such that

$$f(x_M) = M \quad \text{and} \quad f(x_m) = m$$

**Remark 3.27** The Existence Value Theorem is false if either “closed” or “bounded” is dropped from the hypotheses.

**Lemma 3.28**

Suppose that  $a < b$  and that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f$  is continuous at a point  $x_0 \in [a, b]$  and  $f(x_0) > 0$ , then there exist a positive number  $\epsilon$  and a point  $x_1 \in [a, b]$  such that  $x_1 > x_0$  and  $f(x) > \epsilon \forall x \in [x_0, x_1]$ .

**Theorem 3.29** *Intermediate Value Theorem*

Suppose that  $a < b$  and that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. If  $y_0$  lies between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ , then there is an  $x_0 \in (a, b)$  such that  $f(x_0) = y_0$ .

**Remark 3.34** The composition of two functions  $g \circ f$  can be nowhere continuous, even though  $f$  is discontinuous only on  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $g$  is discontinuous at only one point.

### 3.4 Uniform Continuity

**Definition 3.35** *Uniform continuity*

Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f$  is said to be *uniformly continuous* on  $E$  if and only if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$|x - a| < \delta \quad \text{and} \quad x, a \in E \implies |f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon \quad \forall a \in E$$

**Lemma 3.38**

Suppose that  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and that  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is uniformly continuous. If  $x_n \in E$  is Cauchy, the  $f(x_n)$  is Cauchy.

**Theorem 3.39**

Suppose that  $I$  is a closed, bounded interval. If  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous on  $I$ , then  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $I$ .

**Theorem 3.40**

Suppose that  $a < b$  and that  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $(a, b)$  if and only if  $f$  can be continuously extended to  $[a, b]$ ; that is, if and only if there is a continuous function  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which satisfies

$$f(x) = g(x), \quad x \in (a, b)$$

## 4 Differentiability on $\mathbb{R}$

### 4.1 The Derivative

**Definition 4.1** *Differentiable*

A real function  $f$  is said to be *differentiable* at a point  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  if and only if  $f$  is defined on some open interval  $I$  containing  $a$  and

$$f'(a) := \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

exists. In this case  $f'(a)$  is called the *derivative* of  $f$  at  $a$ .

**Theorem 4.2**

A real function  $f$  is differentiable at some point  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  if and only if there exist an open interval  $I$  and a function  $F : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a \in I$ ,  $f$  is defined on  $I$ ,  $F$  is continuous at  $a$ , and

$$f(x) = F(x)(x - a) + f(a)$$

holds for all  $x \in I$  in which case  $F(a) = f'(a)$ .

**Theorem 4.3**

A real function  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$  if and only if there is a function  $T$  of the form  $T(x) := m(x)$  such that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a) - t(h)}{h} = 0$$

**Theorem 4.4**

If  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ .

**Definition 4.6** *Continuously differentiable*

Let  $I$  be a nondegenerate interval.

1. A function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be *differentiable* on  $I$  if and only if

$$f'_i(a) := \lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

exists and is finite for every  $a \in I$ .

2.  $f$  is said to be *continuously differentiable* on  $I$  if and only if  $f'_I$  exists and is continuous on  $I$ .

#### Remark 4.9

$f(x) = |x|$  is differentiable on  $[0, 1]$  and on  $[-1, 0]$  but not on  $[-1, 1]$ .

## 4.2 Differentiability Theorems

#### Theorem 4.10

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be real functions and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable at  $a$ , then  $f + g$ ,  $\alpha f$ ,  $f \cdot g$ , and [when  $g(a) \neq 0$ ]  $f/g$  are all differentiable at  $a$ . In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} (f + g)'(a) &= f'(a) + g'(a) \\ (\alpha f)'(a) &= \alpha f'(a) \\ (f \cdot g)'(a) &= g(a)g'(a) + f(a)g'(a) \\ \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(a) &= \frac{g(a)f'(a) - f(a)g'(a)}{g^2(a)} \end{aligned}$$

#### Theorem 4.11 Chain Rule

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be real functions. If  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$  and  $g$  is differentiable at  $f(a)$ , then  $g \circ f$  is differentiable at  $a$  with

$$(g \circ f)'(a) = g'(f(a))f'(a)$$

## 4.3 Mean Value Theorem

#### Lemma 4.12 Rolle's Theorem

Suppose that  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$ . If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , and if  $f(a) = f(b)$ , then  $f'(c) = 0$  for some  $c \in (a, b)$ .

#### Remark 4.13

The continuity hypothesis on Rolle's Theorem cannot be relaxed at even one point in  $[a, b]$ .

#### Remark 4.14

The differentiability hypothesis on Rolle's Theorem cannot be relaxed at even one point in  $[a, b]$ .

#### Theorem 4.15

Suppose that  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$ .

1. *Generalised Mean Value Theorem*: If  $f, g$  are continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , then there is a  $c \in (a, b)$  such that

$$g'(c)(f(b) - f(a)) = f'(c)(g(b) - g(a))$$

2. *Mean Value Theorem*: If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , then there is a  $c \in (a, b)$  such that

$$f(b) - f(a) = f'(c)(b - a)$$

#### Definition 4.16 Increasing, Monotone, Decreasing

Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

1.  $f$  is said to be *increasing* (respectively, *strictly increasing*) on  $E$  if and only if  $x_1, x_2 \in E$  and  $x_1 < x_2 \implies f(x_1) \leq f(x_2)$  [respectively,  $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$ ].
2.  $f$  is said to be *decreasing* (respectively, *strictly decreasing*) on  $E$  if and only if  $x_1, x_2 \in E$  and  $x_1 < x_2 \implies f(x_1) \geq f(x_2)$  [respectively,  $f(x_1) > f(x_2)$ ].
3.  $f$  is said to be *monotone* (respectively, *strictly monotone*) on  $E$  if and only if  $f$  is either decreasing or increasing (respectively, either strictly decreasing or strictly increasing) on  $E$ .

#### Theorem 4.17

Suppose that  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , with  $a < b$ , that  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , and that  $f$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$ .

1. If  $f'(x) > 0$  [respectively  $f'(x) < 0$ ] for all  $x \in (a, b)$ , then  $f$  is strictly increasing (respectively, strictly decreasing) on  $[a, b]$ .
2. If  $f'(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ , then  $f$  is constant on  $[a, b]$ .
3. If  $g$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , and if  $f'(x) = g'(x)$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ , then  $f - g$  is constant on  $[a, b]$ .

#### Theorem 4.18

Suppose that  $f$  is increasing on  $[a, b]$

1. If  $c \in [a, b)$ , then  $f(c+)$  exists and  $f(c) \leq f(c+)$ .
2. If  $c \in (a, b]$ , then  $f(c-)$  exists and  $f(c-) \leq f(c)$ .

#### Theorem 4.19

If  $f$  is monotone on an interval  $I$ , then  $f$  has at most countable many points of discontinuity on  $I$ .

#### Theorem 4.21 Bernoulli's Inequality

Let  $\alpha$  be a positive real number. If  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , then

$(1 + x)^\alpha \leq 1 + \alpha x \quad \forall x \in [-1, \infty)$ , and if  $\alpha \geq 1$ , then  $(1 + x)^\alpha \geq 1 + \alpha x \quad \forall x \in [-1, \infty)$ .

#### Theorem 4.23 Intermediate Value Theorem for Derivatives

Suppose that  $f$  is differentiable on  $[a, b]$  with  $f'(a) \neq f'(b)$ . If  $y_0$  is a real number which lies between  $f'(a)$  and  $f'(b)$ , then there is an  $x_0 \in (a, b)$  such that  $f'(x_0) = y_0$ .

## 4.4 Taylor's Theorem and L'Hopital's Rule

#### Theorem 4.24 Taylor's Formula

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $a, b$  be extended real numbers with  $a < b$ . If  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and if  $f^{(n+1)}$  exists on  $(a, b)$ , then for each pair of points  $x, x_0 \in (a, b)$  there is a number  $c$  between  $x$  and  $x_0$  such that

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x - x_0)^k + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} (x - x_0)^{n+1}$$

#### Theorem 4.27 L'Hopital's Rule

Let  $a$  be an extended real number and  $I$  be an open interval which either contains  $a$  or has  $a$  as an endpoint. Suppose that  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable on  $I \setminus \{a\}$  and that  $g(x) \neq 0 \neq g'(x) \quad \forall x \in I \setminus \{a\}$ . Suppose further that

$$A := \lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} g(x)$$

is either 0 or  $\infty$ . If

$$B := \lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

exists as an extended real number, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

## 4.5 Inverse Function Theorems

#### Theorem 4.32

Let  $I$  be a nondegenerate interval and suppose that  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is injective. If  $f$  is continuous on  $I$ , then  $J := f(I)$  is an interval,  $f$  is strictly monotone on  $I$ , and  $f^{-1}$  is continuous and strictly monotone on  $J$ .

#### Theorem 4.33 Inverse Function Theorem

Let  $I$  be an open interval and  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be injective and continuous. If  $b = f(a)$  for some  $a \in I$  and if  $f'(a)$  exists and is nonzero, then  $f^{-1}$  is differentiable at  $b$  and  $(f^{-1})'(b) = \frac{1}{f'(a)}$ .

# 5 Riemann Integration

## 5.1 Introduction

## 5.2 Step functions and their integrals

### Definition 1 Step function

We say that  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a *step function* if there exist real numbers  $x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n$  (for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) such that

1.  $\phi(x) = 0$  for  $x < x_0$  and  $x > x_n$
2.  $\phi$  is constant on  $(x_{j-1}, x_j)$   $1 \leq j \leq n$ .

### Definition 2

If  $\phi$  is a step function with respect to  $\{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  which takes the value  $c_j$  on  $(x_{j-1}, x_j)$ , then

$$\int \phi := \sum_{j=1}^n c_j(x_j - x_{j-1})$$

### Proposition 1

If  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are step functions and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$\int (\alpha\phi + \beta\psi) = \alpha \int \phi + \beta \int \psi.$$

## 5.3 Riemann-integrable functions and their integrals

### Definition 3 Riemann-integrable

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . We say that  $f$  is *Riemann-integrable* if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exist step functions  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  such that  $\phi \leq f \leq \psi$  and  $\int \psi - \int \phi < \epsilon$

### Theorem 1

A function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Riemann-integrable if and only if  $\sup\{\int \phi : \phi \text{ is a step function and } \phi \leq f\} = \inf\{\int \psi : \psi \text{ is a step function and } \psi \geq f\}$ .

### Definition 4

If  $f$  is Riemann-integrable we define its integral  $\int f$  as the common value

$$\int f := \sup\{\int \phi : \phi \text{ is a step function and } \phi \leq f\} = \inf\{\int \psi : \psi \text{ is a step function and } \psi \geq f\}.$$

### Theorem 2

A function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Riemann-integrable if and only if there exist sequences of step functions  $\phi_n$  and  $\psi_n$  such that  $\phi_n \leq f \leq \psi_n \forall n$ , and  $\int \psi_n - \int \phi_n \rightarrow 0$ . If  $\phi_n$  and  $\psi_n$  are any sequences of step functions satisfying above, then  $\int \phi_n \rightarrow \int f$  and  $\int \psi_n \rightarrow \int f$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

### Lemma 1

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded function with bounded support  $[a, b]$ . The following are equivalent:

1.  $f$  is Riemann-integrable.
2. for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exist  $a = x_0 < \dots < x_n = b$  such that, if  $M_j$  and  $m_j$  denote the supremum and infimum values of  $f$  on  $[x_{j-1}, x_j]$  respectively, then  $\sum_{j=1}^n (M_j - m_j)(x_j - x_{j-1}) < \epsilon$
3. for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exist  $a = x_0 < \dots < x_n = b$  such that, with  $I_j = (x_{j-1}, x_j)$  for  $j \geq 1$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^n \sup_{x,y \in I_j} |f(x) - f(y)| |I_j| < \epsilon$ .  
For  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a bounded function with bounded support  $[a, b]$  and for  $a = x_0 < \dots < x_n = b$ , let  $I_j = (x_{j-1}, x_j)$ ,  $m_j := \inf_{x \in I_j} f(x)$  and  $M_j := \sup_{x \in I_j} f(x)$ . Define the *lower step function of  $f$  with respect to  $\{x_0, \dots, x_n\}$*  as  $\phi_*(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n m_j \chi_{I_j} + \sum_{j=0}^n \chi_{x_j}$  and the *upper step function of  $f$  with respect to  $\{x_0, \dots, x_n\}$*  as  $\phi^*(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n M_j \chi_{I_j} + \sum_{j=0}^n \chi_{x_j}$ . Note that  $\phi_*$  and  $\phi^*$  are step functions, and that  $\phi_* \leq f \leq \phi^*$ .

### Theorem 3

Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are Riemann-integrable and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are real numbers. Then

1.  $\alpha f + \beta g$  is Riemann-integrable and  $\int (\alpha f + \beta g) = \alpha \int f + \beta \int g$
2. If  $f \geq 0$  then  $\int f \geq 0$ ; if  $f \leq g$  then  $\int f \leq \int g$ .
3.  $|f|$  is Riemann-integrable and  $|\int f| \leq \int |f|$
4.  $\max\{f, g\}$  and  $\min\{f, g\}$  are Riemann-integrable.
5.  $f g$  is Riemann-integrable.

### Theorem 4

If  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, and  $f$  defined by  $f(x) = g(x)$  for  $a \leq x \leq b$ ,  $f(x) = 0$  for  $x \notin [a, b]$  then  $f$  is Riemann-integrable.

## 5.4 Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, and Practical Integration

### Theorem 5

Let  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be Riemann-integrable. For  $a \leq x \leq b$  let  $G(x) = \int_a^x g$ . Suppose  $g$  is continuous at  $x$  for some  $x \in [a, b]$ . [If  $x$  is an endpoint, we mean one-sided continuous.] Then  $G$

is differentiable at  $x$  and  $G'(x) = g(x)$ . [If  $x$  is an endpoint, we mean one-sided differentiable.]

### Theorem 6

Suppose  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has continuous derivative  $f'$  on  $[a, b]$ . Then  $\int_a^b f' = f(b) - f(a)$ .

## 5.5 Integrals and uniform limits of sequences and series of functions

### Theorem 7

Suppose that  $f_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a sequence of Riemann-integrable functions which converges uniformly to a function  $f$ . Suppose that  $f_n$  and  $f$  are zero outside some common interval  $[a, b]$ . Then  $f$  is Riemann-integrable and  $\int f = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n$ .

# 6 Infinite Series of Real Numbers

## 6.1 Introduction

### Definition 6.1 Partial sum

Let  $S = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  be an infinite series with terms  $a_k$ .

1. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the *partial sum of  $S$  of order  $n$*  is defined by  $s_n := \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$
2.  $S$  is said to *converge* if and only if its sequence of partial sums  $\{s_n\}$  converges to some  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ; that is, if and only if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \geq N \implies |s_n - s| < \epsilon$ . In this case we shall write  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k = s$  and call  $s$  the *sum*, or *value*, of the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$
3.  $S$  is said to *diverge* if and only if its sequence of partial sums  $\{s_n\}$  does not converge as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . When  $s_n$  diverges to  $+\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we shall also write  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k = s$

### Theorem 6.5 Divergence Test

Let  $\{a_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of real numbers. If  $a_k$  does not converge to zero, then the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  diverges.

### Theorem 6.6 Telescoping Series

If  $\{a_k\}$  is a convergent real sequence, then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k - a_{k+1}) = a_1 - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k$$

### Theorem 6.7 Geometric Series

Suppose that  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , that  $N \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$ , and that  $0^0$  is in-

terpreted to be 1. Then the series  $\sum_{k=N}^{\infty} x^k$  converges if and only if  $|x| < 1$ , in which case

$$\sum_{k=N}^{\infty} x^k = \frac{x^N}{1-x}$$

In particular,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k = \frac{1}{1-x}, \quad |x| < 1.$$

**Theorem 6.8** *The Cauchy Criterion*

Let  $\{a_k\}$  be a real sequence. Then the infinite series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges if and only if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$m \geq n \geq N \implies \left| \sum_{k=n}^m a_k \right| < \epsilon$$

**Corollary 6.9**

Let  $\{a_k\}$  be a real sequence. Then the infinite series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges if and only if given  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$n \geq N \implies \left| \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_k \right| < \epsilon$$

**Theorem 6.10**

Let  $\{a_k\}$  and  $\{b_k\}$  be real sequences. If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$  are convergent series, then  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (a_k + b_k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\alpha a_k) = \alpha \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

## 6.2 Series with Nonnegative Terms

**Theorem 6.11**

Suppose that  $a_k \geq 0$  for large  $k$ . Then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges if and only if its sequence of partial sums  $\{s_n\}$  is bounded; that is, if and only if there exists a finite number  $M > 0$  such that  $|\sum_{i=1}^n a_k| \leq M \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 6.12** *Integral Test*

Suppose that  $f : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is positive and decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$ . Then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f(k)$  converges if and only if  $f$  is improperly integrable on  $[1, \infty)$ ; that is if and only if

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(x) \, dx < \infty$$

**Corollary 6.13** *p-Series Test* The series

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^p}$$

converges if and only if  $p > 1$ .

**Theorem 6.14** *Comparison Test*

Suppose that  $0 \leq a_k \leq b_k$  for large  $k$ .

If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k < \infty$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k < \infty$ . If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k = \infty$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k = \infty$ .

**Theorem 6.16** *Limit Comparison Test*

Suppose that  $a_k \geq 0$ , that  $b_k > 0$  for large  $k$ , and that  $L := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n}$  exists as an extended real number.

1. If  $0 < L < \infty$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges if and only if  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$  converges.
2. If  $L = 0$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$  converges then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges.
3. If  $L = \infty$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$  diverges then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  diverges.

## 6.3 Absolute Convergence

**Definition 6.18** *Absolute & Conditional Convergence*

Let  $S = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  be an infinite series.

1.  $S$  is said to *converge absolutely* if and only if  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k| < \infty$
2.  $S$  is said to *converge conditionally* if and only if  $S$  converges but not absolutely.

**Remark 6.19**

A series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges absolutely if and only if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$m > n \geq N \implies \sum_{k=n}^m |a_k| < \epsilon$$

**Remark 6.20**

If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges absolutely, then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges, but not conversely. In particular, there exist conditionally convergent series.

**Definition 6.21** *Limit supremum*

The *limit supremum* of a sequence of real numbers  $\{x_k\}$  is defined to be

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sup_{k > n} x_k \right).$$

**Remark 6.22**

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\{x_k\}$  be a real sequence.

1. If  $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k < x$ , then  $x_k < x$  for large  $k$ .
2. If  $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k > x$ , then  $x_k > x$  for infinitely many  $ks$ .
3. If  $x_k \rightarrow x$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x$ .

**Theorem 6.23** *Root Test*

Let  $a_k \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $r := \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} |a_k|^{\frac{1}{k}}$ .

1. If  $r < 1$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges absolutely.
2. If  $r > 1$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  diverges.

**Theorem 6.24** *Ratio test*

Let  $a_k \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a_k \neq 0$  for large  $k$  and suppose that

$$r = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{k+1}|}{|a_k|}$$

exists as an extended real number.

1. If  $r < 1$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges absolutely.
2. If  $r > 1$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  diverges.

**Remark 6.25** The Root and Ratio tests are inconclusive when  $r = 1$ .

**Definition 6.26** *Rearrangement*

A series  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_j$  is called a *rearrangement* of a series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  if and only if there is an injection  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$b_{f(k)} = a_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}$$

**Theorem 6.27**

If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges absolutely and  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_j$  is any rearrangement of  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ , then  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_j$  converges and

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_j$$

## 6.4 Alternating Series

**Theorem 6.30** *Abel's Formula*

Let  $\{a_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{b_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be real sequences, and for each pair of integers  $n \geq m \geq 1$  set  $A_{n,m} := \sum_{k=m}^n a_k$  Then  $\sum_{k=m}^n a_k b_k = A_{n,m} b_n - \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} A_{k,m} (b_{k+1} - b_k)$  for all integers  $n > m \geq 1$ .



**Theorem 6.31** *Dirichlet's Test*

Let  $a_k, b_k \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . If the sequence of partial sums  $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$  is bounded and  $b_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k b_k$  converges.

**Corollary 6.32** *Alternating Series Test*

If  $a_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k a_k$  converges.

7 Infinite Series of Functions

7.1 Uniform Convergence of Sequences

**Definition 7.1** *Pointwise Convergence*

Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . A sequence of functions  $f_n : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to *converge pointwise* on  $E$  if and only if  $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$  exists for each  $x \in E$ .

**Remark 7.2**

Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then a sequence of functions  $f_n$  converges pointwise on  $E$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $x \in E$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  (which may depend on  $x$  as well as  $\epsilon$ ) such that

$$n \geq N \implies |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$$

**Remark 7.3**

The pointwise limit of continuous (respectively, differentiable) functions is not necessarily continuous (respectively, differentiable).

**Remark 7.4**

The pointwise limit of integrable functions is not necessarily integrable.

**Remark 7.5**

There exist differentiable functions  $f_n$  and  $f$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  pointwise on  $[0, 1]$  but

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f'_n(x) \neq \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \right)'$$

for  $x = 1$ .

**Remark 7.6**

There exist continuous functions  $f_n$  and  $f$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  pointwise on  $[0, 1]$  but

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 f_n(x) \, dx \neq \int_0^1 \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \right) \, dx$$

**Definition 7.7** *Uniform Convergence*

Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . A sequence of function  $f_n : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to *converge uniformly* on  $E$  to a function  $f$  if and only if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$n \geq N \implies |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$$

for all  $x \in E$ .

**Theorem 7.9**

Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and suppose that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $E$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . If  $f_n$  is continuous at some  $x_0 \in E$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0 \in E$ .

**Theorem 7.10**

Suppose that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on a closed interval  $[a, b]$ . If each  $f_n$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$ , then so is  $f$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n(x) \, dx = \int_a^b \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \right) \, dx$$

In fact,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^x f_n(t) \, dt = \int_a^x f(t) \, dt$  uniformly for  $x \in [a, b]$ .

**Lemma 7.11** *Uniform Cauchy Criterion*

Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $f_n : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a sequence of functions. Then  $f_n$  converges uniformly on  $E$  if and only if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$n, m \geq N \implies |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \epsilon$$

for all  $x \in E$ .

**Theorem 7.12**

Let  $(a, b)$  be a bounded interval and suppose that  $f_n$  is a sequence of functions which converges at some  $x_0 \in (a, b)$ . If each  $f_n$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , and  $f'_n$  converges uniformly on  $(a, b)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the  $f_n$  converges uniformly on  $(a, b)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f'_n(x) = \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \right)'$  for each  $x \in (a, b)$ .

7.2 Uniform Convergence of Series

**Definition 7.13** *Convergence*

Let  $f_k$  be a sequence of real functions defined on some set  $E$  and set

$$s_n(k) := \sum_{k=1}^n f_k(x), \quad x \in E, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

- 1. The series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x)$  is said to *converge pointwise* on  $E$  if and only if the sequence  $s_n(x)$  converges pointwise on  $E$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

- 2. The series  $\sum_{k=1}^n f_k(x)$  is said to *converge uniformly* on  $E$  if and only if the sequence  $s_n(x)$  converges uniformly on  $E$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- 3. The series  $\sum_{k=1}^n f_k(x)$  is said to *converge absolutely (pointwise)* on  $E$  if and only if  $\sum_{k=1}^n |f_k(x)|$  converges for each  $x \in E$ .

**Theorem 7.14**

Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $\{f_k\}$  be a sequence of real functions defined on  $E$ .

- 1. Suppose that  $x_0 \in E$  and that each  $f_k$  is continuous at  $x_0 \in E$ . If  $f = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k$  converges uniformly on  $E$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0 \in E$ .
- 2. *Term-by-term integration.* Suppose that  $E = [a, b]$  and that each  $f_k$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$ . If  $f = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k$  converges uniformly on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  and

$$\int_a^b \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x) \, dx = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_a^b f_k(x) \, dx.$$

- 3. *Term-by-term differentiation.* Suppose that  $E$  is a bounded, open interval and that each  $f_k$  is differentiable on  $E$ . If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k$  converges at some  $x_0 \in E$ , and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f'_k$  converges uniformly on  $E$ , then  $f := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k$  converges uniformly on  $E$ ,  $f$  is differentiable on  $E$ , and

$$\left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x) \right)' = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f'_k(x)$$

for  $x \in E$ .

**Theorem 7.15** *Weierstrass M-Test*

Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , let  $f_k : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and suppose that  $M_k \geq 0$  satisfies  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M_k < \infty$ . If  $|f_k(x)| \leq M_k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in E$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k$  converges absolutely and uniformly on  $E$ .

7.3 Power Series

**Definition** *Power Series*

Let  $(a_n)$  be a sequence of real numbers, and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . A *power series* is a series of the form  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(x - c)^n$  With  $a_n$  being the *coefficients* and  $c$  its centre.

**Definition** *Radius of Convergence*

The *radius of convergence*  $R$  of the power series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(x - c)^n$

is defined by  
 $R = \sup\{r \geq 0 : (a_n r^n) \text{ is bounded}\}$   
 unless  $(a_n r^n)$  is bounded for all  $r \geq 0$ , in which case we declare  $R = \infty$ .

**Theorem 1**  
 Suppose the radius of convergence  $R$  satisfies  $0 < R < \infty$ . If  $|x - c| < R$ , the power series converges absolutely. If  $|x - c| > R$ , the power series diverges.

**Theorem 2**  
 Assume that  $R > 0$ . Suppose that  $0 < r < R$ . Then the series converges uniformly and absolutely on  $|x - c| \leq r$  to a continuous function  $f$ . Hence  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x - c)^n$  defines a continuous function  $f : (c - R, c + R) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

**Lemma**  
 The two power series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(x - c)^n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n(x - c)^{n-1}$  have the same radius of convergence.

**Theorem 3**  
 Suppose the radius of convergence of the power series is  $R$ . Then the function  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x - c)^n$  is infinitely differentiable on  $|x - c| < R$ , and for such  $x$ ,  $f'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n(x - c)^{n-1}$  and the series converges absolutely, and also uniformly on  $[c - r, c + r] \ \forall r < R$ . Moreover  $a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}$

## 8 Metric Spaces

### 8.1 Introduction

**Definition 10.1** *Metric Space*  
 A *metric space* is a set  $X$  together with a function  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (called the *metric* of  $\rho$ ) which satisfies the following properties for all  $x, y, z \in X$ :

Positive Definite	$\rho(x, y) \geq 0$ with $\rho(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$
Symmetric	$\rho(x, y) = \rho(y, x)$
Triangle Inequality	$\rho(x, y) \leq \rho(x, z) + \rho(z, y)$

**Definition 10.7** *Ball*  
 Let  $a \in X$  and  $r > 0$ . Then *open ball* (in  $X$ ) with *centre*  $a$  and *radius*  $r$  is the set  $B_r(a) := \{x \in X : \rho(x, a) < r\}$

and the *closed ball* (in  $X$ ) with *centre*  $a$  and *radius*  $r$  is the set  $\{x \in X : \rho(x, a) \leq r\}$

**Definition 10.8** *Open & Closed*

- A set  $V \subseteq X$  is said to be *open* if and only if for every  $x \in V$  there is an  $\epsilon > 0$  such that the open ball  $B_\epsilon(x)$  is contained in  $V$ .
- A set  $E \subseteq X$  is set to be *closed* if and only if  $E^c := X \setminus E$  is open.

**Remark 10.9** Every open ball is open, and every closed ball is closed.

**Remark 10.10** If  $a \in X$ , then  $X \setminus \{a\}$  is open, and  $\{a\}$  is closed.

**Remark (10.11)** In an arbitrary metric space, the empty set  $\emptyset$  and the whole space  $X$  are both open and closed.

**Definition 10.13** *Convergence, Cauchy, & Boundedness*  
 Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ .

- $\{x_n\}$  *converges* (in  $X$ ) if there is a point  $a \in X$  (called the *limit* of  $x_n$ ) such that for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \geq N \implies \rho(x_n, a) < \epsilon$ .
- $\{x_n\}$  is *Cauchy* if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n, m \geq N \implies \rho(x_n, x_m) < \epsilon$ .
- $\{x_n\}$  is *bounded* if there is an  $M > 0$  and a  $b \in X$  such that  $\rho(x_n, b) \leq M$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 10.14**  
 Let  $X$  be a metric space.

- A sequence  $X$  can have at most one limit.
- If  $x_n \in X$  converges to  $a$  and  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  is any subsequence of  $\{x_n\}$ , then  $x_{n_k}$  converges to  $a$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .
- Every convergent sequence  $X$  is bounded.
- Every convergent sequence in  $X$  is Cauchy.

**Remark 10.15**  
 Let  $x_n \in X$ . Then  $x_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if for every open set  $V$  which contains  $a$ , there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \geq N \implies x_n \in V$ .

**Theorem 10.16**  
 Let  $E \subseteq X$ . Then  $E$  is closed if and only if the limit of every convergent sequence  $x_k \in E$  satisfies  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k \in E$ .

**Remark 10.17** The discrete space contains bounded sequence which have no convergent subsequences.

**Remark 10.18** The metric space  $X = \mathbb{Q}$  contains Cauchy sequences which do not converge.

**Definition 10.19** *Completeness*  
 A metric space  $X$  is said to be *complete* if and only if every Cauchy sequence  $x_n \in X$  converges to some point in  $X$ .

**Remark 10.20**  
 By 10.19, a complete metric space  $X$  satisfies two properties:

- Every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges;
- the limit of every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  stay in  $X$ .

**Theorem 10.21**  
 Let  $X$  be a complete metric space  $E$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then  $E$  (as a subspace) is complete if and only if  $E$  as a (subset) is closed.

### 8.2 Limits of Functions

**Definition 10.22** *Cluster Point*  
 A point  $a \in X$  is said to be a *cluster point* (of  $X$ ) if and only if  $B_\delta(a)$  contains infinitely many points for each  $\delta > 0$ .

**Definition 10.25** *Converge*  
 Let  $a$  be a cluster point of  $X$  and  $f : X \setminus \{a\} \rightarrow Y$ . Then  $f(x)$  is said to *converge to*  $L$ , *as  $x$  approaches  $a$* , if and only if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$0 < \rho(x, a) < \delta \implies \tau(f(x), L) < \epsilon.$$

In this case we write  $f(x) \rightarrow L$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ , or

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x),$$

and call  $L$  the *limit* of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches  $a$ .

**Theorem 10.26**  
 Let  $a$  be a cluster point of  $X$  and  $f, g : X \setminus \{a\} \rightarrow Y$ .

- If  $f(x) = g(x) \ \forall x \in X \setminus \{a\}$  and  $f(x)$  has a limit as  $x \rightarrow a$ , then  $g(x)$  also has a limit as  $x \rightarrow a$ , and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x).$$

- Sequential characterisation of limits.* The limit

$$L := \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

exists if and only if  $f(x_n) \rightarrow L$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for every sequence  $x_n \in X \setminus \{a\}$  which converges to  $a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

3. Suppose that  $Y = \mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  have a limit as  $x$  approaches  $a$ , then so do  $(f+g)(x)$ ,  $(f \cdot g)(x)$ ,  $(\alpha f)(x)$ , and  $(f/g)(x)$  [when  $Y = \mathbb{R}$  and the limit of  $g(x)$  is nonzero]. In fact,

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f+g)(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x), \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (\alpha f)(x) &= \alpha \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x), \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f \cdot g)(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)\end{aligned}$$

and [when  $Y = \mathbb{R}$  and the limit of  $g(x)$  is nonzero]

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left( \frac{f}{g} \right) (x) = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)}$$

4. *Squeeze Theorem for Functions.* Suppose that  $Y = \mathbb{R}$ . If  $h : X \setminus \{a\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies  $g(x) \leq h(x) \leq f(x) \forall x \in X \setminus \{a\}$ , and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L$$

then the limit of  $h$  exists, as  $x \rightarrow a$ , and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L$$

5. *Comparison Theorem for Functions.* Suppose that  $Y = \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f(x) \leq g(x) \forall x \in X \setminus \{a\}$ , and if  $f$  and  $g$  have a limit as  $x$  approaches  $a$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

2. Suppose that  $Y = \mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $f, g$  are continuous at a point  $a \in E$  (respectively continuous on a set  $E$ ), then so are  $f+g$ ,  $f \cdot g$ , and  $\alpha f$  (for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ). Moreover, in the case  $Y = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f/g$  is continuous at  $a \in E$  when  $g(a) \neq 0$  [respectively, on  $E$  when  $g(x) \neq 0, \forall x \in E$ ].

### Theorem 10.29

Suppose that  $X, Y$ , and  $Z$  are metric space and that  $a$  is a cluster point of  $X$ . Suppose further that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : f(X) \rightarrow Z$ . If  $f(x) \rightarrow L$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  and  $g$  is continuous at  $L$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (g \circ f)(x) = g \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right).$$

### Definition 10.30 Bolzano-Weierstrass Property

$X$  is said to satisfy the *Bolzano-Weierstrass Property* if and only if every bounded sequence  $x_n \in X$  has a convergent subsequence.

## 8.3 Interior, Closure, and Boundary

### Theorem 10.31

Let  $X$  be a metric space.

- If  $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is any collection of open sets in  $X$ , then  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} V_\alpha$  is open.
- If  $\{V_k : k = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is a finite collection of open sets in  $X$ , then  $\bigcap_{k=1}^n V_k := \bigcap_{k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}} V_k$  is open.
- If  $\{E_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is any collection of closed sets in  $X$ , then  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha$  is closed.
- If  $\{E_k : k = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is a finite collection of closed sets in  $X$ , then  $\bigcup_{k=1}^n E_k := \bigcup_{k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}} E_k$  is closed.
- If  $V$  is open in  $X$  and  $E$  is closed in  $X$ , then  $V \setminus E$  is open and  $E \setminus V$  is closed.

### Remark 10.32

Statements 2 and 4 of *Theorem 10.31* are false if arbitrary collections are used in place of finite collections.

### Definition 10.33 Interior & Closure

Let  $E$  be a subset of a metric space  $X$ .

- The *interior* of  $E$  is the set

$$E^O := \bigcup \{V : V \subseteq E \text{ and } V \text{ is open in } X\}.$$

- The *closure* of  $E$  is the set

$$\bar{E} := \bigcap \{B : B \supseteq E \text{ and } B \text{ is closed in } X\}.$$

### Theorem 10.34

Let  $E \subseteq X$ . Then

- $E^O \subseteq E \subseteq \bar{E}$ ,
- if  $V$  is open and  $V \subseteq E$ , then  $V \subseteq E^O$ , and
- if  $C$  is closed and  $C \supseteq E$ , then  $C \supseteq \bar{E}$ .

### Definition 10.37 Boundary

Let  $E \subseteq X$ . The *boundary* of  $E$  is the set

$$\partial E := \{x \in X : \forall r > 0, B_r(x) \cap E \neq \emptyset \text{ and } B_r(x) \cap E^c \neq \emptyset\}.$$

[We refer to the last two conditions in the definition of  $\partial E$  by saying  $B_r(x)$  *intersects*  $E$  and  $E^c$ .]

### Theorem 10.39

Let  $E \subseteq X$ . Then

$$\partial E = \bar{E} \setminus E^O.$$

### Theorem 10.40

Let  $A, B \subseteq X$ . Then

- $(A \cup B)^O \supseteq A^O \cup B^O, \quad (A \cap B)^O = A^O \cap B^O,$
- $\overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}, \quad \overline{A \cap B} \subseteq \bar{A} \cap \bar{B},$
- $(A \cup B) \subseteq A \cup B, \quad \text{and} \quad (A \cap B) \subseteq (A \cap B) \cup (B \cap A) \cup (A \cap B).$

## 8.4 Compact Sets

### Definition 10.41 Covering

Let  $\mathcal{V} = \{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a collection of subsets of a metric space  $X$  and suppose that  $E$  is a subset of  $X$ .

- $\mathcal{V}$  is said to *cover*  $E$  if and only if

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} V_\alpha.$$

- $\mathcal{V}$  is said to be an *open covering* of  $E$  if and only if  $\mathcal{V}$  covers  $E$  and each  $V_\alpha$  is open.

- Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a covering of  $E$ .  $\mathcal{V}$  is said to have a *finite* (respectively *countable*) *subcovering* if and only if there is a finite (respectively, countable) subset  $A_0$  of  $A$  such that  $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A_0}$  covers  $E$ .

### Definition 10.27 Continuity

Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$  and  $f : E \rightarrow Y$ .

- $f$  is said to be *continuous at a point*  $a \in E$  if and only if given  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\rho(x, a) < \delta \text{ and } x \in E \implies \tau(f(x), f(a)) < \epsilon.$$

- $f$  is said to be *continuous on*  $E$  if and only if  $f$  is continuous at every  $x \in E$ .

### Theorem 10.28

Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$  and  $f, g : E \rightarrow Y$ .

- $f$  is continuous at  $a \in E$  if and only if  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(a)$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for all sequences  $x_n \in E$  which converge to  $a$ .

**Definition 10.42** *Compact*

A subset  $H$  of a metric space  $X$  is said to be *compact* if and only if every open covering of  $H$  has a finite subcover.

**Remark 10.43** The empty set and all finite subsets of a metric space are compact.

**Remark 10.44** A compact set is always closed.

**Remark 10.45** A closed subset of a compact set is compact.

**Theorem 10.46**

Let  $H$  be a subset of a metric space  $X$ . If  $H$  is compact, then  $H$  is closed and bounded.

**Remark 10.47** The converse of *Theorem 10.46* is false for arbitrary metric spaces

**Definition 10.48** *Separable*

A metric space  $X$  is said to be *separable* if and only if it contains a countable dense subset (i.e. if and only if there is a countable subset  $Z$  of  $X$  such that for every point  $a \in X$  there is a sequence  $x_k \in Z$  such that  $x_k \rightarrow a$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ).

**Theorem 10.49** *Lindelöf*

Let  $E$  be a subset of a separable metric space  $X$ . If  $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is a collection of open sets and  $E \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} V_\alpha$ , then there is a countable subset  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots\}$  of  $A$  such that

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} V_{\alpha_k}$$

**Theorem 10.50** *Heine-Borel*

Let  $X$  be a separable metric space which satisfies the *Bolzano-Weierstrass Property*, and  $H$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then  $H$  is compact if and only if it is closed and bounded.

**Definition 10.51** *Uniform Continuity*

Let  $X$  be a metric space,  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ , and  $f : E \rightarrow Y$ . Then  $f$  is said to be *uniformly continuous* on  $E$  if and only if given  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\rho(x, a) < \delta \text{ and } x, a \in E \implies \tau(f(x), f(a)) < \epsilon.$$

**Theorem 10.52**

Suppose that  $E$  is a compact subset of  $X$  and that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . Then  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $E$  if and only if  $f$  is continuous on  $E$ .

## 8.5 Connected Sets

**Definition 10.53** *Separate & Connected*

Let  $X$  be a metric space.

1. A pair of nonempty open sets  $U, V$  in  $X$  is said to *separate*  $X$  if and only if  $X = U \cup V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .
2.  $X$  is said to be *connected* if and only if  $X$  cannot be separated by any pair of open sets  $U, V$ .

**Definition 10.54** *Relatively open & closed*

Let  $X$  be a metric space and  $E \subseteq X$ .

1. A set  $U \subseteq E$  is said to be *relatively open* in  $E$  if and only if there is a set  $V$  open in  $X$  such that  $U = E \cap V$ .
2. A set  $A \subseteq E$  is said to be *relatively closed* in  $E$  if and only if there is a set  $C$  closed in  $X$  such that  $A = E \cap C$ .

**Remark 10.55**

Let  $E \subseteq X$ . If there exists a pair of open sets  $A, B$  in  $X$  which separate  $E$ , then  $E$  is not connected.

**Theorem 10.56**

A subset  $E$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is connected if and only if  $E$  is an interval.

## 8.6 Continuous Functions

**Theorem 10.58**

Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . Then  $f$  is continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$  for every open  $V$  in  $Y$ .

**Corollary 10.59**

Let  $E \subseteq X$  and  $f : E \rightarrow Y$ . Then  $f$  is continuous on  $E$  if and only if  $f^{-1}(V) \cap E$  is relatively open in  $E$  for all open sets  $V$  in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 10.61**

If  $H$  is compact in  $X$  and  $f : H \rightarrow Y$  is continuous on  $H$ , then  $f(H)$  is compact in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 10.62**

If  $E$  is connected in  $X$  and  $f : E \rightarrow Y$  is continuous on  $E$ , then  $f(E)$  is connected in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 10.63** *Extreme Value Theorem*

Let  $H$  be a nonempty, compact subset of  $X$  and suppose that  $f : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. Then

$$M := \sup\{f(x) : x \in H\} \quad \text{and} \quad m := \inf\{f(x) : x \in H\}$$

are finite real numbers and there exist points  $x_M, x_m \in H$  such that  $M = f(x_M)$  and  $m = f(x_m)$ .

**Theorem 10.64**

If  $H$  is a compact subset of  $X$  and  $f : H \rightarrow Y$  is injective and continuous, then  $f^{-1}$  is continuous on  $f(H)$ .

# 9 Contraction Mapping & ODEs

## 9.1 Banach's Contraction Mapping Theorem

**Definition** *Contraction*

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A function  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is called a *contraction* if there exists a number  $\alpha$  with  $0 < \alpha < 1$  such that

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \leq \alpha d(x, y) \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

Note the target space and the domain must be the same.

**Remark**

1. It is *really* important that  $\alpha$  be *strictly less* than 1. It's also really important that we have  $d(f(x), f(y)) \leq \alpha d(x, y)$  and *not just*  $d(f(x), f(y)) < d(x, y) \quad \forall x, y \in X$ . So  $f(x) = \cos(x)$  is not a contraction on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
2. The constant  $\alpha < 1$  is called the *contraction constant* of  $f$ .

**Theorem** *Banach's Contraction Mapping Theorem*

If  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space and if  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is a contraction, then there is a unique point  $x \in X$  such that  $f(x) = x$ .

**Remarks**

1. It's really important that  $X$  be complete.
2. It's really important that the image of  $X$  under  $f$  is contained in  $X$ .
3. A point  $x$  such that  $f(x) = x$  is called a *fixed point* of  $f$ .

## 9.2 Existence and uniqueness for solutions to ODEs

**Definition** *Lipschitz Condition*

Suppose  $A \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\rho, r > 0$ , and  $F : [A - \rho, A + \rho] \times [-r, r] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. Suppose also that for all  $x, y \in [A - \rho, A + \rho]$  and all  $t \in [-r, r]$  we have, for some  $M > 0$

$$|F(x, t) - F(y, t)| \leq M|x - y|$$

**Theorem** *Picard*

Suppose  $F$  satisfies the Lipschitz Condition. Then there exists an  $s > 0$  such that the ODE

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= F(x, t) \\ x(0) &= A \end{aligned}$$

has a unique solution  $x(t)$  for  $|t| < s$ .